(d) OMCs have released about 3.4 lakh LPG connections in the State of Kerala during the period from April, 2002 to January, 2003.

Companies engaged in oil exploration

725. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of Indian and foreign companies that have been assigned the work of oil exploration on Indian Oil and off-shore places; and

(b) the name of the companies that have been successful in finding gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) A Statement indicating the names of Indian and foreign companies which are at present involved in Exploration & Production activities in onland and offshore areas is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) Gas discoveries have recently been made by the following Operating companies:—

1. Cairn Energy Plc. U.K.
2. Niko Resources Ltd.
3. Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC)
4. Oil India Ltd. (OIL)
5. Reliance Industries Ltd.

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Indian Companies

1. Assam Company Ltd.
2. Essar Oil Ltd.
3. GAIL India Ltd.
4. General Fibres Dealers Ltd.
5. Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Ltd.

6. Hindustan Oil Exploration Company Ltd.
7. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.
8. Jubilant Enpro Ltd.
9. Larsen & Toubro Ltd.
10. Mafatlal Industries Ltd.
11. Oil India Limited
12. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.
13. Phoenix Overseas Ltd.
14. Reliance Industries Ltd.
15. Tata Petrodyne Ltd.
16. Videocon Petroleum Ltd.

Foreign Companies

1. Cairn Energy India Pty. Ltd.
2. Canoro Resources Ltd.
3. Centurion Energy International Inc.
4. Energy Equity India Pty. Ltd.
5. Enron International Mauritius Limited (Now taken over by British Gas Exploration & Production India Ltd.)
6. Geo Global Resources Inc.
7. Hardy Exploration & Production India Inc.
8. Joshi Technologies Inc.
9. Mosbacher India LLC.
10. Niko Resources Limited
11. OAO Gazprom
12. Okland International LDC
13. Petrom S.A.
14. Polish Oil & Gas Company
15. Shell India Production & Development, B.V.
16. Tullow India Operations Ltd.